

well, who was in the Board of Assistants) was pushing him on, and what could he do? The route is a little objectionable, and interferes with other lines, should they be required. The report was adopted 12-13 to 4.

CONSECRATION OF BISHOP WAINWRIGHT.—The Bishop of Connecticut (the Senior Bishop) will, if his new benefice permit, be the consecrator of the new Bishop of New York in Trinity Church, to-day. He will be assisted by the Bishops of Michigan, Western New-York, Pennsylvania, New-Hampshire and Maryland. The Colonial Bishops of Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Nova Scotia have been invited to attend, and take part in the solemn and impressive services of the day. Admission will be only by tickets, which have been previously distributed among the Rectors of the Churches of New-York, Brooklyn and Williamsburgh, and include three for the lay delegates of each parish. Consecration services commence at 11 A. M.

An Asylum for Destitute Italian Exiles has been opened on Staten Island for three months, under the charge, and chiefly at the expense of a small number of benevolent gentlemen. Most important relief has been afforded to a considerable number of most deserving strangers, some of them young men who left the universities for the sake of liberty, social and religious. A refuge is afforded some of the most destitute, until places can be obtained for them. Persons wanting to employ teachers of languages, artists, and certain classes of mechanics, servants, &c., may find such among the number. Contributions are earnestly requested at the present time. They may be left with Wm. C. Chester, Esq., W. B. Townsend, No. 116 Broadway, or Gen. Avezzano.

THE NEW-YORK AND SANDY HOOK TELEGRAPH.—The importance of adopting a more rapid and reliable means of communicating with vessels approaching and leaving our coast than is afforded by the old system of signal telegraph, with its scanty vocabulary and utter uselessness in a hazy atmosphere, when the operation may be most needed, having engaged the attention of several enterprising citizens, they organized a Company for the purpose of establishing a line of Electric Telegraph between this City and Sandy Hook. In accordance with their views, Messrs. Printing Telegraph instrument and patent insulators were selected to be used on the line, which is being built under the superintendence of Samuel Porter, Esq., late of the Buffalo line. The wires are carried up Manhattan Island to Fort Washington, where they are to cross the Hudson River to Fort Lee, thence to Jersey City, Newark, Rahway, across the Raritan River and through Middletown to the Highlands of New Jersey, where boats will be constantly kept in readiness to communicate with vessels. The whole line, owing to the circuitous route necessarily taken, is about eighty miles long. It is expected to be in operation sometime during the present month.

DINNER TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL CRITTENDEN AND MR. DUNCAN, OF KY.—The Attorney-General being in this City for a few days, and also Mr. Duncan, from Lexington, (Ky.), on a mission to raise the means of erecting a monument over the remains of Henry Clay, near twenty-five or thirty Whites assembled on Monday evening at Sanders's College Hotel, to give these gentlemen a dinner, and to take a note of the signs of the times. Mr. Sanders prepared a dinner which did honor to his establishment.

Dr. Francis presided over the company in his peculiarly happy and enlightening way. He called up Mr. Crittenden and brought him into one of his eloquent speeches. After Mr. Crittenden sat down a sentiment was offered which drew out Mr. Duncan, and allusions were frequently made to the objects of his mission. All eyes responded to his "call," and promises were cheerfully made that steps should be taken here to aid Kentucky in the erection of the monument over the remains of Mr. Clay. (A public meeting was advertised will soon be called.) Other sentiments then drew out other gentlemen, among them Hon. J. Phillips Thomas, Shepherd Knapp, Esq., Wm. S. Duke, Esq., Dr. Wood, Mr. Herick, one of the Governors of the Anti-Slavery, Mr. S. Reynolds, Esq., Dr. Price, Merwin Brewster, Esq., Geo. W. Brown, Esq., Ex-Ald. Ely and others.

THE RAY PRIZE.—It is known to our readers that F. M. Ray, of this City, offered prizes amounting to \$3,000 for improvements in machinery for the prevention of railroad accidents, &c. One prize was \$1,500 for an improvement to prevent the loss of life by collisions and the breaking of axles. Another was \$500 for the best method of excluding dust from railroad cars. Another was \$100 for the best brake. Another \$300 for the best sleeping or night rest for cars. These premiums were open for competition, and the competitors held their inventions on exhibition at the late Fair, the judges being chosen by a Committee of the Institute. The offer of these prizes has drawn forth an amount of ingenuity quite surprising. The number of improvements exhibited, such as a chair, but many of the exhibitors, we suppose, have not the means to put their inventions in operation on a large scale. To them, unless some generous patrons do it for them, the prizes have been offered in vain.

NOVEL PRIZE.—One of the Express Companies of this City lately had upon their way-bill for New Orleans, "A young lady, as per order," and did actually forward said parcel in good order and with care from the interior of Pennsylvania to the Crescent City.

HONORS TO THE LATE DUKE OF WELLINGTON.—Rev. Dr. Hawks, having courteously offered the use of Calvary Church for the purpose of paying honors to the memory of the great Duke of Wellington, a meeting of British residents will be held at the office of Mr. Thomas Dixon this afternoon, for the purpose of deciding upon the requisite arrangements. The use of Trinity Church for the same purpose was refused, on the ground that it might establish an inconvenient precedent.

TRINITY CHURCH STEEPLE.—Mr. Leas: Be good enough to tell me whether it is all regular or not to pay 12 1/2 cts. to go up into Trinity Church steeple. I want to know because I am a subscriber of yours in the country, and a stranger here looking after the lions. Yesterday I went down to Trinity Church, and then went up into the steeple, and when I came down again the police young man in attendance wanted a Key shilling. I paid him. Did he take me for a country yokel (judging from appearance), and stick me 12 1/2 cts. in consequence, or is it regular, if it is regular, why don't they charge more? It costs 35 cents to go to Burton's, and it is worth quite as much to go into the steeple. Metropolitan Hotel, Monday, Nov. 8.

Most Verdant! Know you not that our venerable Church is very poor, and that they cannot afford to show the great Metropolis with the roofs of their own hundred churches for nothing. The only remedy that could be used is for our country friend to open an opposition show-steep, put the fare down to sixpence and take his customers up by steam. *Auri sacra fames* is an epidemic that spreads not even votaries and sextons.

THE ALLEGED SLAVE CASE.—A large number of colored persons of both sexes, as well as others, assembled around the City Hall long before 4 o'clock, yesterday, the hour appointed for the argument. Judge Paine sat in one of the Court rooms in the City Hall, which was densely crowded, and of course, very many others who were debarred could not obtain access. The two women and their infants, the two lads, and the little boys, twins, (8 in all, as already stated) were brought in; Mr. and Mrs. Lamson, the claimants, were also present. Messrs. Lamson and Clinton appeared on behalf of the latter, and Messrs. Culver and Jay on the application for discharge.

Richmond, at Norfolk, and came to New-York on their way to Texas; that the laws of Virginia, from which they came, and the State of Texas, to which they were going, authorized the holding of slaves; that the said J. L. does not intend, in Texas, to sell said slaves, and that the assertion in the petition that said claimants are slave-traders is not true. She claims a right to said slaves, &c.

Mr. Culver said that, admitting everything that is said in the return to be true, these parties are entitled to their freedom. He claimed it on various grounds—the principles of common law, which presume that every human being is entitled to his liberty—also by the laws of New-York, &c. Mr. C. presented various authorities to show, on the principles of the common law, that persons brought into Free States are free. He also showed that by the Statute of New-York it is held that every slave brought into this State for the purpose of being sent into another State, or otherwise, shall be free. He noticed the fact that Mr. Webster, in his speech on the Oregon question, said that every State has a right, in this respect, to make its own laws. Mr. C. quoted cases from Wheeler and other authorities, and contended that the parties here are entitled to their freedom.

Mr. Lamson, in behalf of the claimants, insisted that persons owning property in one State have a right to pass with it through any other State, and that the State of New-York had no right, according to the Constitution or the laws of nations, to prevent it. He quoted from the Constitution of the United States that the laws of one State shall be respected in another. He contended that as the persons here were recognized as property in Virginia, they should be, by the Constitution, so considered in New-York while they are passing in transit through it, and quoted points from the law of nations, decisions, &c.

Mr. Clinton followed Mr. L., urging, also, the idea the clause in the Constitution as to the laws of one State being respected in another, &c. The Judge remarked that the clause referred to states and records, &c.

Mr. Jay concluded the argument in behalf of the motion for the discharge of the persons. He said the principle in this case was settled by the decision of Lord Mansfield, in 1772, in the case of James Somerset. It was urged that he was not to be kept in slavery in England, but was to be sent out to Jamaica. Mr. Jay read the opinion in consequence of which decision, he said, several hundred slaves then residing in England were set free. Mr. J. contended that not only the laws of our own State but the common law principle forbids the bringing of slaves or the retaining of them in this State, and takes the power away from a Judge of this State to give up persons so brought into the State to a claimant. He read the statute showing that if slaves are brought into the State under any pretence whatever, they are free. He said the only doubt that could exist would be the constitutionality of the law, relative to which the Court would decide. He contended that the parties were entitled to their liberty.

Judge Paine said, as argument had been presented and authorities quoted, he would take a short time to consider the subject, and will render a decision on Saturday morning, the women and children, &c., still to remain in the care of the officer.

At an adjourned meeting of the Grand Section of the Order of Callets of Temperance of the Southern District of the State of New-York, held at No. 413 Broadway, N. Y., on Saturday evening, the following resolutions were offered by Bro. H. D. Johnson, Jr., and adopted:

Whereas, This Grand Body of the Order of Callets of Temperance of the Southern District of the State of New-York has heard with profound regret the sorrowful intelligence of the death of the Hon. Daniel Webster, late Secretary of State, who lived for more than a quarter of a century of his life in the council and Cabinet of the nation, rendered services of unequalled devotion and patriotism, in preserving and upholding the Constitution of this grand body, should, in view of the honor and dignity of the country, and in view of the above, show our respects to the honored dead of the once noble orator, statesman and lawyer, by commencing his immortal name in wearing the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be printed in all the Temperance papers throughout this district.

THE FIVE POINTS.—The Ladies' Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church have hired the large Tent of the New-York City Temperance Alliance. They intend to have it pitched in the little park family known as "Paradise place," and to hold a series of Temperance meetings every evening, and preaching and other religious exercises every Sabbath, until after Thanksgiving, on which day they will provide in the Tent a feast for the poor of that long-neglected neighborhood. About that time the famous "Old Brewery" will be demolished, and those who are curious to see one of Satan's strongholds are invited to see the view, are invited to view it there while it remains uninhabited, are rejoicing in the benevolence which at that time will be made "quite visible to carnal eyes." Donations in money to aid in providing the supper can be sent to the office of the Old Brewery, directed to Rev. J. Luckey; and we take this opportunity to say for the ladies, that second-hand clothing of any description will be thankfully received at the same place.

FIVE POINTS MISSION.—The communication in *The Tribune* of Monday, in regard to the operations in the Five Points, needs a few explanations. There are now two distinct enterprises in the Five Points—we hope there will soon be a dozen—one of the M. E. Home Mission Society in the old Brewery, and the other under Rev. Mr. Pease, in the "House of Industry."

The work of Mr. Pease and his peculiar principle are sufficiently known to the readers of *The Tribune*. He commenced under the Home Mission Society, but as this body would not support him in the method he found necessary of giving work and bread as well as religious teaching to those wretched creatures, he separated from them and threw himself on the support of Christian men of all denominations.

At the time, the expression of some of the worthy members of this Society was that "it was unedifying in a minister of the Gospel to be dealing out bread and keeping a workshop for prostitutes."

It certainly was, according to all our old ideas of a starched, stately, white-neckcloth profession; but it is beginning to be seen that if a clergyman would raise up the poor and sly, he must sometimes throw off his black coat, and go right down among them to work in shirt sleeves, and that to creatures so sunk in a slough in this world must be given if you would implant a hope for the next.

Quite probably at the present time the members of this Society would agree with Mr. P. in his principle. If they do not, what need of any dispute between them? There is room enough for all. Let each, if they have a different method of action, follow it out with these unhappy ones. Both will do good. All of you have given up comfort and position and pleasant circumstances, that you might raise up the helpless and vicious. The benevolent everywhere watch your generous enterprise heartily and wish it success. The best test of your theories will be their results. C. L. B.

NEW-YORK FEMALE ASSISTANCE SOCIETY.—Thirty-ninth Anniversary.—At 12 o'clock yesterday, this Society met at Hope Chapel, and held its thirty-ninth Anniversary meeting. The exercises of the occasion commenced by the reading of the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by Rev. J. B. Wakeley. The annual Report of the Secretary, Mrs. Palmer, was then read by Dr. Palmer. An interesting address was then delivered by Rev. Mr. Wakeley, who reviewed the report of the Secretary, which had just been read, and commended the Society to the confidence and active sympathy of the benevolent. In commenting upon the objects of the Society, he dwelt upon the first article of the Constitution of this Association, which reads as follows: "This Society shall be called the FEMALE ASSISTANCE SOCIETY, for the Relief of the Sick Poor, without reference to color or nation." The truly Catholic spirit of this leading article of the Association, which includes all, with reference only to their need and worthiness of aid, was most earnestly approved by the speaker.

over 1,000 garments, and 1,000 comfortable, given to the poor by the Society, which is an extraordinary feat. We extract from the Report of the Secretary the following instances of the suffering of worthy families, which facts, thus related, must convince those who distrust the pictures of misery drawn by writers of fiction, that there is a real and active benevolence in our midst; and in this day and generation good works as feeding the hungry and clothing the naked:

"One of our Committee reports that amid the many cases of destitution which she was called to witness, found an intelligent woman who was sick. Her sickbed was probably heated in part by her own extreme destitution. Some days she had been able to get out one meal. On last Christmas-day, she had not during the day one mouthful to eat; neither had she anything wherewith to obtain the necessities of life. Even the bed on which she was lying was not her own. Being at times unable to obtain fuel, when the weather was extremely cold, she had been compelled to lie in bed during the day for want of fire. By the timely assistance rendered her through the Society she was made comfortable."

"A case is reported of a widow with five small children. The visitor found her to be a very worthy woman, who had seen better days. Her husband was ill, and she held a respectable position in society. But misfortune brought affliction, poverty, and she became disheartened. She was living in a secluded rear building, destitute of the comforts of life and many of its necessities. It was some time before they could be assigned as the cause, that she had to pay but a small price for it, and in view of its being secluded, she did not wish it to be known that she had been so reduced from her former style of living. The family had not been able to hold a respectable position in society. On being asked whether they would like to go to Church, if the visitor could put them in a way of getting clothing, both the mother and eldest daughter replied in the affirmative. 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